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Kris Swedin,

Acting Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3278]

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (and Contiguous Counties in New Jersey)

Bucks County and the contiguous Counties of Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, and Philadelphia in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Burlington, Hunterdon, Mercer, and Warren in the State of New Jersey constitute a disaster area as a result of damages caused by flash flooding that occurred July 30 through August 2, 2000. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on October 10, 2000 and for economic injury until the close of business on May 8, 2001 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Boulevard South, 3rd Floor, Niagara Falls, NY 14303.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere	7.375
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere	3.687
Businesses with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere	6.750
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere	4.000

The numbers assigned to this disaster for physical damage are 327806 for Pennsylvania and 327906 for New Jersey. For economic injury the numbers are 9I0700 for Pennsylvania and 9I0800 for New Jersey.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

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Fred P. Hochberg,

Acting Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Federal Assistance for Women's Business Centers (WBC) Sustainability Pilot Program To Provide Financial Counseling and Other Technical Assistance to Women

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Program Announcement No. OWBO-2001-016.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) plans to issue program announcement No. OWBO-2001-016 to invite applications from eligible nonprofit organizations to conduct Women's Business Center (WBC) projects. Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations that have received financial assistance from SBA under its WBC Program. To be eligible the applicant must be either in the final year of its WBC 5-year project or have completed a WBC project financed by SBA which continues to provide assistance to women entrepreneurs. Funds will be provided to continue business training, counseling and technical assistance to women for an additional 5-year period. The authorizing legislation to establish this 4-year pilot program is the Women's Business Center Sustainability Act and the Small Business Act, §§ 2(h) and 29, 15 U.S.C. §§ 631(h) and 656. SBA Headquarters must receive applications/proposals by 4:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on the closing date of the application period. SBA will select successful applicants using a competitive process. Applications will be reviewed and awarded simultaneously with other applications for first-time WBCs submitted under Program Announcement No. OWBO-2001-015.

Service and assistance areas must include financial, management, marketing, loan packaging, eCommerce and government procurement/certification assistance. Applicants must plan to include women who are socially and economically disadvantaged in the target group. The applicant may propose specialized services that will assist women in Empowerment Zones, women who are veterans, women with disabilities, women with home-based businesses, women in agribusiness, or women in rural or urban areas. SBA will require award recipients to provide content and support to the SBA-funded Online Women's Business Center, (www.onlinewbc.org) and provide training on the business uses of the Internet. Applicants' technical proposal must contain information about its

current status and past performance, and a 5-year plan for service delivery, fund-raising, training and technical assistance activities. A center may receive financial assistance up to three years (this is the second year of the four year pilot program) during the pilot's authorization period, however, the award will be issued annually to conduct a 12-month project.

The non-Federal match requirement is one non-Federal dollar for each Federal dollar in years 1 through 5 of the project. Up to one-half of the non-Federal matching funds may be in the form of in-kind contributions.

DATES: The application period will be from late September 2000 to mid-November 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sally Murrell, (202) 205-6673 or Mina Wales (202) 205-7080.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Federal Assistance for Women's Business Center (WBC) Program To Provide Financial Counseling and Other Management and Technical Assistance to Women

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration

ACTION: Program Announcement No. OWBO-2001-015

SUMMARY: The Small Business Administration (SBA) plans to issue program announcement No. OWBO-2001-015 to invite applications from eligible nonprofit organizations to conduct Women's Business Center projects. The authorizing legislation is the Small Business Act, §§ 2 (h) and 29, 15 U.S.C. §§ 631 (h) and 656. SBA Headquarters must receive applications/proposals by 4 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on the closing date of the application period. SBA will select successful applicants using a competitive process. The successful applicants will receive an award to provide long term training and other technical assistance to women who want to start or expand businesses.

Service and assistance areas must include financial, management, marketing, loan packaging, eCommerce and government procurement/certification assistance. Applicants must plan to include women who are socially